

## REMARKS

Claims 9 through 28 are now pending in the application. Claims 1 through 9 have been canceled, Claims 20 through 28 are newly presented and minor amendments have been made to the title of the present application and the specification. Bases for the amendments and support for the new claims may be found throughout the application, drawings and claims as originally filed and as such, no new matter has been presented.

## SPECIFICATION

Minor amendments have been made to the title of the present application and to the specification. The amendment to the title eliminates a potential ambiguity by deleting the word “over-molded”, since the term “molding” can be thought of as entailing the forming of an article from a liquid (molten) material. The amendments to the specification also eliminate potential ambiguities and state observations that are readily apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in view of the originally filed disclosure. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amendments to the title and the specification do not add new matter.

## ELECTION / RESTRICTION

The Office has entered a Restriction Requirement, stating that the originally filed claims were drawn to two distinct inventions. Applicant has canceled the claims of Group I (i.e., Claims 1 through 8), which were drawn to a differential assembly, and has

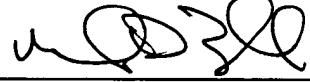
elected to pursue without traverse the examination of the claims of Group II, which are drawn to a method of manufacturing a differential assembly.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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